

**Kilburn House**  
**HA 1916**

This circa 1946 crossplan cottage is located on the corner of Chestnut and McNabbStreets in the village of Cardiff, Maryland. Unique to the town is the English Country styling, house design, and the use of granite for the exterior and foundation covering. Due to its positioning at the corner of two streets, the house addresses both the east and south sides equally. Built by the owner's brother-in-law, a contractor, it has a mid-century builder-form character which distinguishes it from the turn-of-the-century Victorian homes that predominate in town. The roof is of the region's renowned slate.

As with most of houses in town, the slate roof of this house serves as an example of the town's dependence on the slate quarrying industry. The adjacent towns of Whiteford, Cardiff, and Delta (PA) developed primarily from the region's tremendous slate industry, which attracted workers and their families from the slate quarries of Wales. The three linear, connecting towns developed rapidly during the of the late nineteenth century "boom era", resulting in the construction of Chestnut Street in 1890 and its subsequent development.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA 1916

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Kilburn House

**2. Location**

street & number 1616 Chestnut Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Cardiff

\_\_\_ vicinity of

congressional district 5th

state Maryland

county Harford

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank C. and Pamala L. Cantler

street & number same

telephone no.: (410)452-5095

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code MD, 21024

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liberCGH 1345

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 607

city, town Bel Air

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title none

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This crossplan cottage is located on the corner of Chestnut and McNabb Streets in the village of Cardiff, Maryland. Unique to the town is the English Country styling, house design, and the use of granite (most likely, local Port Deposit granite) for the exterior and foundation covering. The house is one and a half stories high with an exposed basement with full windows on the downhill, west side. Due to its positioning at the corner of two streets, the house addresses both the east and south sides equally. The main axis of the crossplan is perpendicular to Chestnut Street. Slate shingles cover the roof.

The main, east facade has a projecting vestibule with uneven eaves (longer to the north), arched door, and small six-paned accompanying window, all reminiscent of the English Country houses of this 1930's timeframe. A prominent granite chimney to the left of the vestibule contributes to the inviting quaintness and further depth to the main facade. A single standard 3/1 sash window is located at the southern bay of the main facade.

The southern, undeveloped side of the crossplan house has a raised granite projecting porch offset to the west of the cross gable with a substantial set of granite steps for access. The flat roof of the porch doubles as an un-balustraded balcony at the upper half story and is supported by squared posts on squared granite pilings. Upper door and lower side entrance are offset slightly to the east of the gable's center. A small 3/1 window located to the west balances the upper door in the whitewashed gable. An informal arrangement of windows fills the first-story of the south side. Two sets of single windows that flank the entrance are unevenly spaced. A double window is located at the west bay of the first-story with a 6 paned window in the basement underneath.

The developed north side of the crossplan has regularly arranged 3/1 windows in the first-story two bays with a three-paned window in the east bay of the basement and a six-paned window in the west bay. This coincides with the slope of the terrain as the hill falls away from the front of the house. A single window is centered on the gable.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

As a crossplan cottage with a granite exterior and slight English Country stylization, this one and a half story 1940's house is unique to the town. Having been built on the corner of Chestnut Street and McNabb, the house addresses both roads equally but very differently. The main, east facade provides an understated, projecting vestibule with unevenly lengthed eaves, prominent exterior chimney, an offset, arched door and small accompanying window. The south side has a stately raised granite projecting porch with squared columns and a flat roof. Built by the owner's brother-in-law, Mr. Austin, who was a contractor, it has a mid-century builder-form character which distinguishes it from the turn-of-the-century Victorian homes that predominate in town. The roof is of the region's renowned slate.

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Originally owned by Thomas Hawkins (farmer) in a patented land grant known as "Hawkins Chance", this land was part of the tract sold by the Hawkins family to Rowland Parry, a Welsh quarry owner who operated one of the first prominent commercial quarries in the area. It was Parry who exhibited Peach Bottom slate in the London Crystal Palace exposition in 1850, winning it international recognition as the world's finest slate. "Hawkins Chance" was divided and sold in pieces, passing through the hands of Parry's relatives and countrymen. The parcel of 17 acres that created this lot was sold to the South Delta Land Company in 1896 through an Equity Case on behalf of Parry's great niece.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See additional sheets

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .472 acres

Quadrangle name Delta

Quadrangle scale 24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 203 on tax map 5, as provided in accompanying map

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
none			

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dianne Klair

organization Harford County Planning and Zoning date September 1995

street & number 220 S. Main Street telephone (410)638-3103

city or town Bel Air state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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100 CONSTITUTION PLACE  
CROFTSVILLE, MD 21114-2022

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**KILBURN HOUSE**  
**Title Search**

CGH 1345/607	September 11, 1986	Grantor: George A. Cantler Grantee: Frank C. and Pamala L. Cantler Granted: town lot on corner of McNabb Street and Chestnut, with improvements
HDC 983/101	March 7, 1975	Grantor: Zero, Inc. Grantee: Maude J. Kilburn Granted: same To go to George A. Cantler at Maude Kilburn's death
HDC 983/98	March 7, 1975	Grantor: Maude J. Kilburn Grantee: Zero, Inc. Granted: same
GRG 664/145	December 7, 1964	Grantor: Zero, Inc. Grantee: Maude C. Kilburn Granted: same
GCB 664/143	December 7, 1964	Grantor: Maude J. and Vallie J. Kilburn Grantee: Zero, Inc. Granted: same
GCB 293/438	February 13, 1946	Grantor: Harold S. and Hazel H. Butler Grantee: Maude J. Kilburn Granted: same
DGW 206/473	October 14, 1927	Grantor: South Delta Land Company Grantee: Harold S. and Hazel H. Butler Granted: town lot on corner of McNabb Street and Chestnut April 1, 1891 plat shows this property as lots #34, 35, 36
WSF 88/282	May 26, 1896	Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams (trustee, as appointed in Equity Case WSF 41/351 Elizabeth J. Parry v. Margaret Parry et al.) Grantee: South Delta Land Company (via James Poff, agent) Granted: a part of the lands described in equity case (less than 19 acres) to be subdivided into town building lots
Plat book DGW 2/64	1891	Survey plat of lots to be subdivided, South Delta Land Company

Will Records WS 10/440	September 12, 1888	John Parry, quarryman, bequeaths: To his daughter, Elizabeth, the house in which he resides and the 84' by 400' lot on which it stands. To his son, Richard Parry, all his remaining lands, approximately 17 acres To each of his children, Mary Williams, John, Richard, Jacob, and Elizabeth Parry 1/6 of his shares in the Welsh Slate Company of Harford County.
ALJ 28/407	May 14, 1873	Grantor: Hugh E. Hughes Grantee: John Parry Granted: 10 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$1050.00
ALJ 28/407	May 14, 1873	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane H. Lloyd Grantee: John Parry Granted: 2 acres of "Hawkins Chance" with improvements, on west side of Main St. (same as ALJ 25/346) for \$1200.00
ALJ 25/346	April 11, 1871	Grantor: Richard Hughes and wife Grantee: Jane H. Lloyd (daughter) Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch (see ALJ 9/29)
ALJ 9/30	May 29, 1857	Grantor: Richard Hughes et al. Grantee: John and Ellin Parry Granted: 8 acres 35 perches of "Hawkins Chance" for \$500.00
ALJ 9/29	May 29, 1857	Grantor: John Parry Grantee: Richard Hughes Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch
HDG 36/424	July 27, 1850	Grantor: Ro(w)land and Anne Parry Grantee: John Parry and Richard Hughes Granted: 3 1/2 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$350.00
HDG 36/214 (indenture)	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Benjamin Williams Grantee: John Perry et al. Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$200.00
HDG 36/215	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Rowland Perry Grantee: John Perry and Richard Hughes Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$600.00

HDG 36/212	January 22, 1850	Grantor: Archibald A. and Nancy Hawkins Grantee: Rowland Perry (Parry) Granted: part of "Hawkins Chance" for \$850.00, acreage unknown
HDG 34/492	February 9, 1849	Grantor: Edward Proctor et al. Grantee: Archibald A. Hawkins Granted: "Hawkins Chance", being part of Thomas Hawkins landholdings; 74 acres 5 perches
HD 14/336	August 3, 1831	Grantor: Isaac Hawkins, heir to Thomas Hawkins Grantee: Thomas Proctor, heir to Edward Proctor Granted: The eighth part of land tracts "Hawkins Chance", "Williams Birthright", Mount Pleasant", and "Montgomerys Delight" . The four tracts contain 188 acres total. No mention of "eighth part" acreage.
Land Tract, Patented	After March 1774, when Harford est.	"Hawkins Chance", tract of 74 acres 5 perches granted to Thomas Hawkins. Located on the Maryland and Pennsylvania line at the north end of present day Cardiff. Divided, sold, and reworked often.



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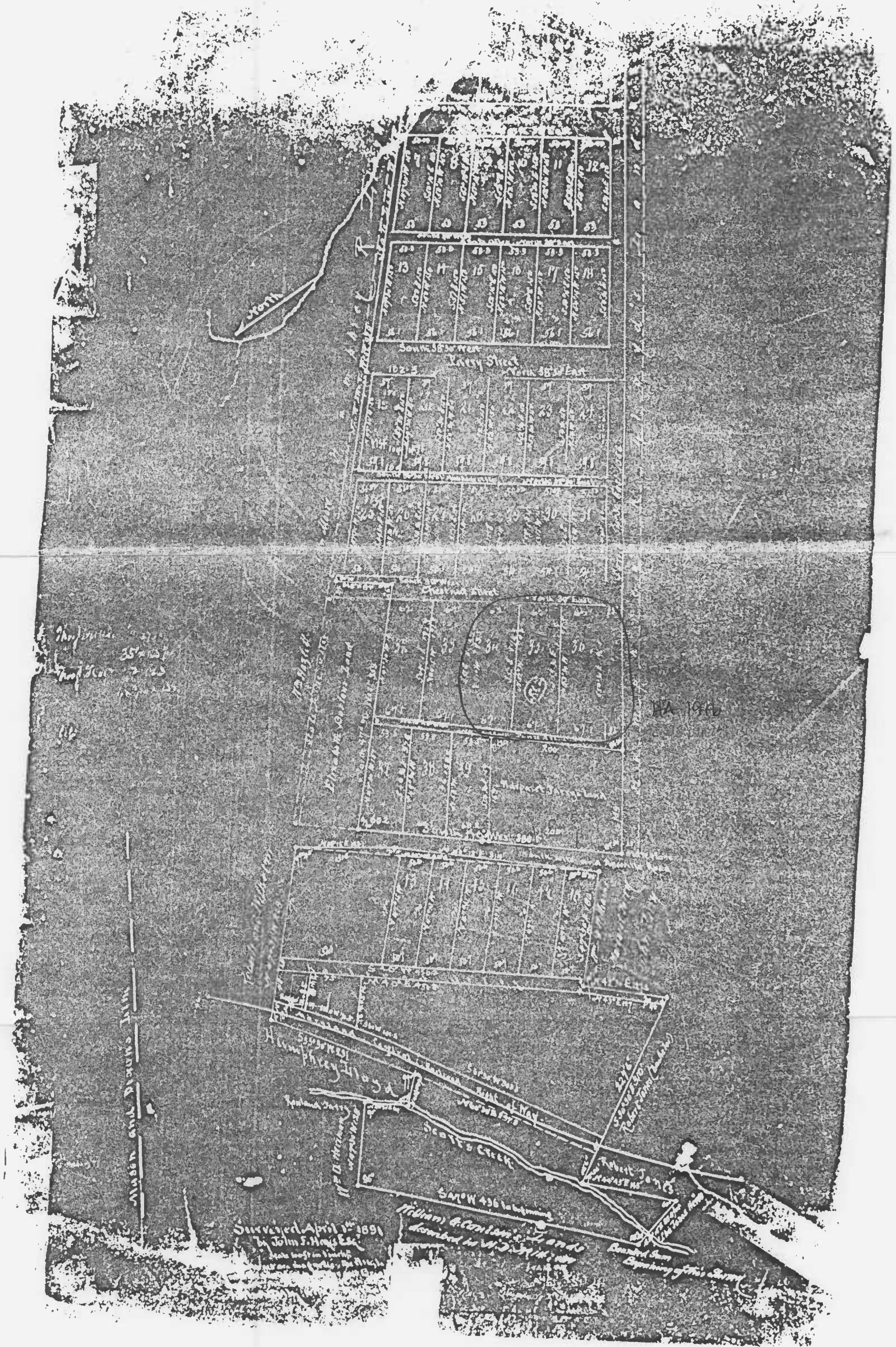
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# PLAT of SOUTH DELTA LAND COMPANY! 1891



150 000 FEET  
(PA.)

P E A C H B O

Delta

PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

YORK CO  
HARFORD CO

Cardiff  
HA 1916

Whiteford

Pylesville

HA-1916

USGS Delta Quadrangle  
1: 24000  
Kilburn House

FIVE FORKS 3 MI.  
GRAVEYON 0.6 MI.

42°30'N  
4396

5763 III NW  
(FAWN GROVE)

HILL 6.4 MI  
EYER 2.1 MI

WHITEFORD  
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WHEELER

SCHOOL ROAD  
RAILROAD

OLD  
PYLESVILLE

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HA 1916

Kilbracken House

Harford Count., Maryland

Dianne Klein

3/95

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~~Chris Weeks, Harford County Planning & Zoning Dept.~~

~~View North from McWhorter street~~

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